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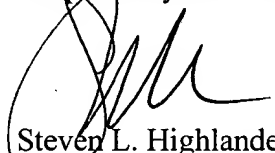
Sir:

This communication forwards the attached declaration of Dr. Jagannadha Sastry. Dr. Sastry, one of the co-inventors, supplies his declaration in support of the manuscript by Nehete *et al.*, submitted with and discussed in applicants' response filed on May 26, 1998.

In his declaration, Dr. Sastry provides a sworn statement regarding the substance of results reported by Nehete *et al.* and their relevance to the present invention. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this declaration, and the data included in the Nehete *et al.* manuscript, prior to issuance of the next official action.

No fees are believed due in connection with this filing, but should any fees be due, applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Acct. No. 01-2508/UTXC:538/HYL. Please amend the application as follows. Should Examiner Smith have any questions regarding this response, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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